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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status of Various Views Letters

On 2 February 1978 I phoned Bob Carlstrom, Jim Stimpson, Jim MacRae and Phoebe Felk, all of OMB, to discuss a number of views letters. Their responses are given below.

- S. 1721 Mr. Carlstrom said that he has been told that he must wait for the DOD response before he clears any letters. He hopes that this will be within the next week.
- H.R. 9705 Mr. Carlstrom indicated that, while Justice has accepted our view, the White House has not reached a decision. He said he would press on this.
- H.R. 10076 Mr. Carlstrom is not pressing for a response on this. He is, however, extremely interested in the Agency's views.
- S. 2 Mr. MacRae said that all letters are being held on direction from the White House. It appears that the Executive Branch will stay out of the debate completely and leave it to Congress.
- S. 1893 Mr. Stimpson did not know that Senator Kennedy's Subcommittee had scheduled hearings. I told him we would like to get our letter up to the Subcommittee, and he said he would get to work on it.
  - H.R. 9701 Ms. Felk said that OMB is sitting on it at this point.

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